IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- [0056] The control memory 155 stores information for managing the disk device 157, a physical device that is composed of a plurality of combined disk devices 157, and devices (external devices) in an external storage system 180 that is connected to the storage system 130 through the protocol adaptor 140, and/or information for managing correlations between the external devices or the physical devices and lower logical devices. If the control information stored in the control memory 155 is lost, data stored in the disk device 157 cannot be accessed. Accordingly, the control memory 155 may preferably be provided with a structure to improve the ~~availablity~~availability of the control memory 155 through, for example, using a non-volatile memory device with a battery backup, duplicating data for improving the resistance to media fault or the like. --